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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to application filed on Nov. 21, 1997.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 11-13, 15, 16, 18, 27, 30-32, 35-37, and 39.

The drawings filed on Nov 21, 1997 are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 8

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Lowell Anderson on April 27, 1999.

Please cancel claims 8-10, 14, 28, and 38.

In claim 1 (patent claim 1),

line 3: before "having an", insert --comprising a U-shaped tube--;

line 4: delete "the irrigation assembly having a limiter" and substitute --at a first end, a U-shaped portion having an inlet for receiving fluid from the fluid line at an opposite second end thereof, and a limiter disposed between said irrigation tip and said U-shaped portion at--; and

line 5: after "during use", insert --and for increasing the flexibility of the insertion tip--.

In claim 11 (patent claim 7),

line 1: delete "9" and substitute --1--.

In claim 12 (patent claim 8),

line 1: delete "9" and substitute --1--.

In claim 13 (patent claim 9),

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line 1: delete "9" and substitute --1--.

In claim 15 (patent claim 10),

line 1: delete "9" and substitute --1--.

In claim 16 (patent claim 11),

line 3: before "tubular", insert --U-shaped--.

In claim 18 (patent claim 12),

line 9: delete "connecting an" and substitute --connecting a U-shaped--;

line 12: delete "at least one portion" and substitute --a limiter--; and

line 14: delete "that one portion a predetermined distance from a distal end" and substitute
--said limiter a predetermined distance from the outlet--.

In claim 27 (patent claim 13),

line 3: delete "having a first and second end, said first" and substitute --comprising a U-

shaped portion having a first--;

line 4: delete "said second" and substitute --a second--; and

line 9: after "tubular body", insert --between said U-shaped portion and said second end--.

In claim 36 (patent claim 18),

line 4: after "assembly having", insert --a U-shaped portion and--; and

line 5: delete "tube" and substitute --assembly--.

2. Claims 1-7, 11-13, 15, 16, 18, 27, 30-32, 35-37, and 39 are allowed.

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior arts cited alone or in combination teach a toilet attachment, to be positioned between a toilet seat and a toilet bowl and to be connected to a fluid line, having a limiter disposed between an irrigation tip and a U-shaped portion of a U-shaped tube at a preset distance from an outlet of the irrigation tip to limit the distance the tip is inserted into a body cavity during use and for increasing the flexibility of the insertion tip.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Tuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-9046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Recla, can be reached on (703) 308-1382. The fax number for this Group is (703) 308-7766.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

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